

# Neighborhood Development Services NEWS & NOTES

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## *Message from the Director*

The number of building permits issued from our office during this same period last year shows that development work is holding steady (January – May 2010 = 640 permits and January - May 2011 = 653 permits). That's good news for all of the related businesses that depend upon one another in a healthy economy. That should also be good news to residents as well. A good mix of commercial and residential development reflects a balanced tax base and this in turn, supports a solid community. I know most will agree with me when I say what a wonderful place to live, work and play Charlottesville is! Have a great summer!

*Jim*

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### *NDS Mission:*

*To sustain a high quality of life for the Charlottesville community through progressive customer service, planning, engineering and code enforcement.*

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# Planning Commission Update and Upcoming Sessions

## **Planning Commission**

*Meets on the second  
Tuesday of each month*

### **Items from Tuesday June 14, 2011**

4:30 PM -- Planning Commission Agenda Review

5:30 PM -- Planning Commission Regular Meeting Items:  
Zoning Text Amendment for Validity periods for Certificate of Appropriateness  
Critical Slope Waiver for Wertland II

**Upcoming Planning Commission Work Sessions**  
**June 28, July 26**  
**August 16, 2011—Joint City/County Planning Commission Work Session**

### **Future Planning Commission Agenda items**

Willoughby Place—Critical Slope Waiver and Preliminary Site Plan, IPP for 409 Stadium Road

**Jason Pearson will be leaving the Planning Commission in July 2011 after serving on the Commission since October of 2006. Mr. Pearson will be missed and we wish him the best of luck in future pursuits.**

**Recruitment for a new Planning Commissioner is underway.**

**The Comprehensive Plan Review process is underway. Stay tuned in late summer for the Fall Citizen Participation Event Schedule.**

## Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Recent News

### **Approved:**

- Substitute new windows - 109 E Jefferson St
- Material revisions to restaurant design - 422 E Main St
- Eliminate trellises - 1824 University Circle
- New storefront - 1411 University Ave
- Replacement windows - 138 Madison Lane
- New site work - 611 Park Street
- New wall, fence & hedge - 112 West Market
- Remove stucco & repair chimney - 709 Ridge St
- Painted mural - 323 W Main St
- New screen porch (CV District) - 601 Locust Ave
- Comprehensive Signage Plan - 609 E Market St
- New signage - 901 Emmet Street
- Replace accessory building - 627 Park St
- Replace windows - 138 Madison Lane
- Adjustments to top two floors - 218 W Water St

### **Deferred:**

- Replace accessory building - 627 Park Street
- Demolish/rebuild brick wall - 1111-1113 W Main St
- Handicapped ramp - 1223 W Main Street

### **Preliminary Discussions:**

- Comprehensive Signage Plan - 1223 W Main Street

## **BAR**

*Meets on the third Tuesday of each month  
In City Hall Council Chambers  
For more BAR information, please go to  
<http://www.charlottesville.org> then click on Dept. of  
NDS/Historic Preservation & Design Planning/ BAR*

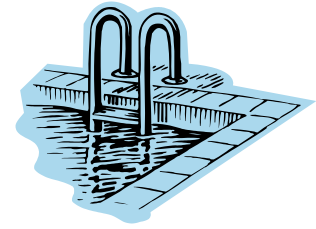


Tandem students' mural at 323 W Main Street

**Building Code  
News**

## Courtesy Deck and Pool Inspections Completed

Another successful Building Safety Week was held this past May 2-6; the Building Inspectors conducted free inspections of decks and pools at private residences throughout the City. For this and other building-related information please go to <http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=1337>



## New Sidewalk Constructed Along Locust Avenue Ramp

Construction crews recently completed building approximately 500 feet of new sidewalk along the eastbound off-ramp onto Locust Avenue. (below).



Also completed is approximately 130' of new sidewalk on Mobile Lane connecting Middleton Road to Azalea Park Trail (left).

Approximately 2100 feet of new sidewalk begins construction along the west side of Meadowbrook Heights Road from the Route 250 Bypass to King Mountain Road. The expected completion date is the end of September this fall.

## New Buford Voting Precinct

Since 1999, the City of Charlottesville has added over 11,000 additional voters to the voter registration rolls. Though this is a positive thing, it also created a population imbalance within our current precinct structure. The General Registrar informed City Council of this issue and was directed to form a committee of residents to advise Council on the best way to proceed.

The committee, comprised of 9 members and staff, met several times after 2010 Census numbers were released. On April 4, 2011 City Council adopted the reprecincting plan proposed by the non-partisan Advisory committee. The committee explored several options: keeping the same structure, a 10 precinct model, an 11 precinct model and a 9 precinct model. After much deliberation, it was unanimous that the 9 precinct model was the best option for the City of Charlottesville.

The committee realized that the growth over the past 10 years in the southern part of the City necessitated the addition of the **new Buford precinct**, splitting Jefferson park precinct and Alumni Hall precinct. These changes necessitated the moving of lines in the remaining precincts.

*A new voter Registration card will be sent to every voter in the City of Charlottesville regardless of whether or not there was a change in your precinct. Every card will display your precinct name and address. Please keep these cards in a safe place so you can bring them with you on Election Day, November 8, 2011. If you misplace your card, or forget another form of ID, you will still be able to cast your vote. For more information and a map of the new precincts in the City of Charlottesville, please go to the office of voter registration website at [www.charlottesville.org/vote](http://www.charlottesville.org/vote). If you have other questions, please call our office at 970-3250.*



## New Historic Tours and Displays

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee (HRC), staffed by Preservation & Design Planner Mary Joy Scala and UVA graduate student intern Kristin Rourke, is branching out from its historic marker activities! The HRC is sponsoring several new projects including an audio tour narrating eleven significant historic sites. Local personalities will narrate the audio tour, which will be available online as individual MP3's, or by using a QR code on a smart phone, or simply dialing our number on any phone. A small sticker at each site will feature the QR code and phone number.

The HRC is also sponsoring a series of historic district displays and a new walking tour brochure of historic Charlottesville. The displays will be featured at the Transit Center, the Gordon Avenue Library and the Midtown (West Main) Street Fair in September, and will later become one large exhibit for the Celebrate 250 events in 2012. Another long term project is assisting the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society in their plans to transform the Old County Jail into a display space featuring the history of the Charlottesville area.





# Buford Precinct

